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CREATION OF "GEOKARTPROEKT" PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN BULGARIA

On 17 December 1951 the Council of Ministers issued the following decree
 creating a new organization for geodetic and cartographic work.

1. A planning organization is created at the Main Office of Geodesy
 and Cartography attached to the Council of Ministers. This organization will
 be self-maintaining and will perform all types of topographic-surveying, photo-
 grammetric, and cartographic work and will be called, for short, "Geokartproekt".
 It will have its seat in Sofia and branches throughout the country. The organ-
 ization will be set up in accordance with the law for the organization and use
 of technical personnel with college and secondary educations.

2. The objectives of the organization are:

a. To provide for the needs of all the ministries, offices, peoples's
 soviets, and state, cooperative, and other public institutions, organizations,
 and enterprises in the country:

(1) Triangulation, leveling, astronomic-geodetic, and geophysical
 work
 (2) Topographic-geodetic and photogrammetric pictures, plans and
 maps to meet the many-sided needs of the national economy (agricultural zoning,
 reforestation, reclamation, water construction, logging, geological and mine
 prospecting, settlement of new populated localities, etc.)

(3) Photographs and plans for city construction and other needs
 of populated localities, industrial centers, construction platforms, etc.

b. To draw up projects for vertical planning of populated localities,
 industrial centers, rest homes, resorts, etc.

c. To make blueprints of reclamation, city construction, regulation,
 leveling, reforestation, and other technical projects.

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d. To work out and publish general, special, political, administrative, economic, physico-geographical, historical and study maps, atlases and globes for the country's cultural, educational, and economic needs.

3. It is compulsory for all ministries, offices, people's soviets, state, cooperative, and other public institutions, organizations, and enterprises in the country, with the exception of the Ministry of Transportation, to assign for execution to the "Geokartproekt" Planning Organization all the matters mentioned in point 3 of this decree.

4. The existing planning organizations for geodetic surveying, including the "OGI" at the Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare the "Zemustroy" at the Ministry of Agriculture, and their branches throughout the country will, as of 1 January 1952, cease to exist. All their assets and liabilities (equipment, collected funds, inventory, transport facilities) will be handed over in toto to the "Geokartproekt" Planning Organization at the Main Office of Geodesy and Cartography. The personnel of both of these former organizations will also be transferred to the Main Office without interruption of work.

The "Geokartproekt" Planning Organization will also have transferred to it that branch of the Topographic Section attached to the "Energokhidroproekt" Departmental Technical Organization at the Ministry of Electrification which has to do with taking topographic pictures, together with its geodetic equipment and instruments. The Topographic Section with the personnel and equipment necessary to satisfy the specific needs of prospecting and building only will remain attached to the "Energokhidroproekt" Departmental Technical Organization.

The buildings in the capital and throughout the country used in 1951 by the former "OGI" and "Zemustroy" planning organizations will remain in the possession of and for the use of the "Geokartproekt" Planning Organization at the Main Office of Geodesy and Cartography.

5. The work assigned to the former "OGI" and "Zemustroy" planning organizations is to be completed and, at the time specified by the contracts, handed over to the responsible personnel of the newly created "Geokartproekt" Organization.

6. All imported and local materials, apparatus, equipment, instruments, and other items provided for by the plan are to be delivered and turned over to the "Geokartproekt" Planning Organization.

7. The "Geokartproekt" Planning Organization attached to the Main Office of Geodesy and Cartography will begin functioning on 1 January 1952.

The head of the Main Office of Geodesy and Cartography attached to the Council of Ministers is charged with implement in this decree.

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